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SURFACE FASTENER, AND )  
CONTINUOUS PRODUCTION )  
METHOD AND CONTINUOUS )  
PRODUCTION DEVICE )  
THEREFORE )  
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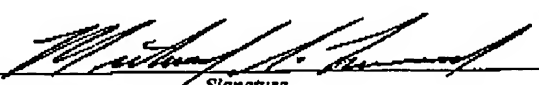
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| <b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b>  |                                     |                               |  |                        | Docket No.<br>114208-040 |  |
| Applicant(s): T. Minato et al.  |                                     |                               |  |                        |                          |  |
| Application No.<br>10/525,445   | Filing Date<br>February 23, 2005    | Examiner<br>James R. Brittain | Customer No.<br>43793  | Group Art Unit<br>3677 | Confirmation No.<br>3852 |  |
| Invention: <b>INTEGRALLY MOLDED SURFACE FASTENER, AND CONTINUOUS PRODUCTION METHOD AND CONTINUOUS PRODUCTION DEVICE THEREFOR</b>  |                                     |                               |  |                        |                          |  |
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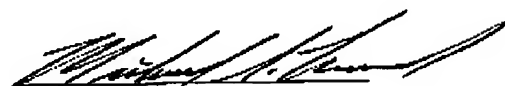
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Sir:

This Response is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action mailed December 28, 2006. The Office Action entered a restriction requirement for claims 1-14 between the following groups of inventions.

Group I, Claims 1-9, drawn to an integrally molded surface fastener.

Group II, Claims 10 and 11, drawn to a method of production for an integrally molded surface fastener.

Group III, Claims 12-14, drawn to a continuous production device for an integrally molded surface fastener.

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Response to Office Action mailed December 28, 2006

In response, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, Claims 1-9, drawn to an integrally molded surface fastener.

Applicants submit that the patent application is in condition for allowance and request a Notice of Allowance be issued.

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